

Washington, D.C. Today, Congressman Sanford Bishop, member of the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee, announced that the House of Representatives passed the Military Construction Appropriations spending bill (HR 4837) for fiscal year 2005, which contains \$282,746,000 for projects in the state of Georgia. This funding includes \$82,977,000 in projects for Fort Benning, as well as \$9,600,000 for the construction of a base support center at Moody Air Force Base and \$16,000,000 for enclave fencing and parking at Kings Bay.

"This funding is vital to maintaining and improving our military installations," said Congressman Bishop. "Our men and women in uniform deserve the best in facilities and equipment, and once again we've been successful in getting much-needed projects funded in Georgia. Our bases will continue to grow and modernize, which makes our troops safer and better prepared to answer the call of our Nation."

HR 4837 is one of thirteen appropriations bills that assign discretionary funding for each of the federal government's agencies. Once the Senate passes its version of the bill, the House and Senate will meet in conference to complete the bill for final passage.

Georgia projects included in the House FY'05 Military Construction Appropriations Bill:

ARMY**Ft. Benning:**

Barracks Complex – Kelly Hill/Main Post	\$49,565,000
Hazardous Cargo Loading Apron	\$3,850,000
Physical Fitness Training Center	\$18,362,000
Revitalize Ranger Barracks	\$1,850,000
Receptee Barracks	\$2,250,000
Consolidated Health Clinic	\$7,100,000

Ft. Gillem

Recruiting Brigade Operations Building	\$5,800,000
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Fort McPherson

Child Development Center	\$4,900,000
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Ft. Stewart

Aircraft Maintenance Hanger (SOF)	\$21,000,000
Barracks Complex – 5th & 16th PH2	\$32,950,000
Chapel	\$9,500,000
Command and Control Facility	\$24,695,000
Tactical Equipment Complex	\$10,000,000
SOF Battalion Operations Complex	\$17,600,000

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Army Aviation Support Facility	\$16,554,000
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NAVY

Kings Bay

Enclave Fencing and Parking \$16,000,000

AIR FORCE

Robins AFB

Aircraft Ramp \$15,000,000

Fire/crash Rescue \$6,570,000

Moody AFB

Base Support Center \$9,600,000

Dobbins AFB

Maintenance Facility \$10,000,000